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After nine months of investigation and public hearings, the Citizen's Commission on Jail Violence (Commission) has issued its report along with recommendations that will lead the effort to reform the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). The recommendations are well thought out and thorough.

Sheriff Lee Baca, who supports the recommendations and agrees that they will help improve the County's jail system, has committed to the Commission's recommended reforms. And, while according to Sheriff Baca, the LASD has implemented some of the Commission's recommendations, many more remain to be implemented. The implementation of the remainder will require the collaboration of the Sheriff, the Board of Supervisors, and the Board's correctional experts, to ensure adherence to industry standards and lasting reform.

As supported by the Commission's Report, past recommendations aimed at reforming the LASD's culture, management and operation of the County's jails have largely been ignored or met with little response from the LASD. Reforming the nation's largest jail system can no longer wait. **The time for reform is now.**

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As such, the direct involvement of this Board is critical during the implementation phase of the Commission's recommendations to ensure transparency and accountability to the citizens of the County of Los Angeles.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Clerk of the Board to coordinate with all Board offices a schedule of monthly hearings beginning in November 2012. The Commission's recommendations will be reviewed, organizational priorities will be established, and each recommendation will be monitored to ensure full implementation and a clear understanding of how the LASD will maintain clear and effective monitoring of each recommendation. The first meeting in November shall establish guidelines as to how to proceed with these hearings, to be governed by the Brown Act and all County Board rules.
2. The Sheriff will be requested to appear at each hearing established by the Board to clearly communicate the status of each and every recommendation adopted by the Board as detailed in the Commission's Report. The Sheriff will also be requested to discuss the reforms related to the LASD's organizational chart, including the duties of each proposed position as recommended by the Commission. The Sheriff will begin a nationwide search for an Assistant Sheriff to oversee the Custody Division. The Sheriff's report should also be submitted in writing to the Board one week prior to each scheduled hearing.
3. The Board will retain personnel, as necessary, to assist it with tracking, monitoring and fully implementing the Commission's recommendations until such time that the Board has established an Office of Inspector General.

4. Upon completion of County Counsel's review of all applicable laws and possible structure of an Office of Inspector General and the Board's ability to appoint an Inspector General that will report to the Board and the Public, the Board will conduct a nationwide search for the appropriate candidate to serve as Inspector General, who will provide comprehensive oversight and monitoring of the LASD and its jails.

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